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Applicant : Matsumoto et al.
Serial No. : 09/638,162
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Title : Polarization-Maintaining Optical Fiber and Polarization-Maintaining Optical Fiber Component
Group : 2874
Examiner : tbd

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

STATUS LETTER

Dear Sir:

The above-referenced application was filed on August 14, 2000. A Notice to Comply with Requirement for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures was issued October 4, 2000 and subsequently responded to on October 27, 2000. To date, we have not received any further communication from your office concerning this application.

Please advise us of the status of this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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